Katherine O'Dell Guilford, Connecticut March 9, 2019

Please consider this testimony in favor of Ethan's Law and against ghost guns.

I grew up in Newtown, Connecticut. I called Charleston, South Carolina home for my entire adult life until returning to my home state and settling in Guilford. Gun violence has hit literally close to every place I call home, and I am not alone.

A school. A church. A home. Children should be safe in these sanctuaries. But in each of my home towns, these safe spaces saw horrific tragedies. We need stronger gun safety laws. We need to do more to keep guns from causing more violence—either purposeful or accidental.

I am proud of Connecticut as a leader on gun safety legislation. Ethan's Law is the next important, logical step to keep our towns safe from gun violence. Those who call themselves responsible gun owners must be held responsible for keeping guns secured and out of reach of children. Please pass Ethan's Law, and prevent future unnecessary tragedies in our state.

Sincerely, Katherine O'Dell Guilford, Connecticut